



REMEMBERING
Hilda Julianna Born

July 24, 1930 - April 7, 2024



Hilda Born passed away peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, April 7th at the age of 93, while

living at the Trillium/Bevan Village in Abbotsford, BC. She was predeceased by her husband

Jake just last year (they were married for nearly 70 years). Her prayers during the past months

were answered - she is now with Jesus and Jake.

Hilda is survived by her five children David (Lorraine), Teresa, John (Ellie), J. Bryan (Teresa) and

Matthew (Debbie), as well as her 14 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren. She is also

survived by her sisters, Mary Wiens and Lore (John) Reemeyer. She was born and grew up on a

farm near the village of Blumenort, southern Saskatchewan. In her late teens, she joined her

parents in Matsqui Prairie to help them cleanup after the 1948 Flood. Hilda trained to be a

teacher, and although her family and dairy farm responsibilities pulled her out of the classroom

after just a few years, she remained an educator throughout her life. She completed her BA

degree at age 63, and with typing help from husband Jake, she wrote 8 books and

had

hundreds of articles published.

Hilda's life revolved around family, farm, church and community. Having experienced scarcity

while growing up in the Great Depression, the destruction of the 1948 Flood, and then severe

rheumatoid arthritis (all before the age of 30), she pledged to the Lord that if He would give her

strength, she would try to assist the weak, needy, and those ignored by others. Hilda's unique

gifts and personality will not be soon forgotten. Her life was characterized by dogged

perseverance, hard work, a keen sense of justice, a generous spirit, and a deep commitment to

Christ and the church.

A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, April 30th at 11:00 AM at Clearbrook Mennonite

Brethren Church.

